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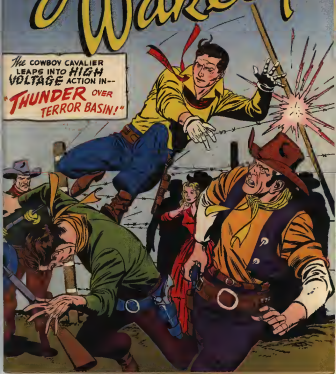
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The COWBOY CAVALIER
LEAPS INTO HIGH
VOLTAGE ACTION IN--

**"THUNDER OVER
TERROR BASIN!"**



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Jimmy Wakely

WHY HAD THUNDER BASIN GIVEN JIMMY WAKELY SUCH A HOSTILE RECEPTION? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LEADING OFFICIALS WHO HAD ONCE GOVERNED THE TOWN SO HONESTLY?

THERE AND OTHER URGENT QUESTIONS RAFFLED THE WESTERN STAR AS HE FOLLOWED THE BLUINE TRAIL OF A RUTHLESS GANG OF OUTLAWS RESPONSIBLE FOR...

TERROR at THUNDER BASIN!



ARRIVING IN THUNDER BASIN, JIMMY WAKELY TRIES TO STABLE HIS HORSE...



A MOMENT LATER, AS JIMMY PROCEEDS THROUGH TOWN...



THOSE CRITTERS ARE SHOOTING UP JOE CARTER'S POTTERY SHED! BECAUSE THEY COULD STAND SOME NOODLING IN PUBLIC BATHING!



JIMMY WAKELY







ARE THE WESTERN AGE RECONNOITERS THE VICINITY OF THE DAM...

DETONATOR CHARGES! THE WHOLE DAM IS SHED... I'VE BEEN SPOTTED!

IT'S WAKELY!

BANG!

DASHING INSIDE THE POWERHOUSE, JIMMY MEETS ROSE ARSLINER...

THE SMOOCH! DUDE TRAILED US! -- YOW!

THUNDER BASIN DAM IS AN ARMED CAMP! I'VE SURE STUMBLED ONTO SOMETHING HOT!

THE STRANGE BEHAVIOR OF THE TOWNSPEOPLE MUST HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH ALL THIS!

WE GOT 'EM TRAPPED! THERE'S NO WAY OUT!

JIMMY BATTLES UNTIL HIS AMMUNITION IS GONE...

THERE GONE HIS GUN!

DON'T SHOOT THE CENTER! WE'LL MAKE A PRIZE HOSTAGE FOR US! TAKE HIM TO THE CAMP!

SHORTLY, THE DOOMED FIGHTER IS MARCHED TO A CLEARING BEFORE THE DAM...

HOSTAGES FROM DAM-- UNBROKEN UNDER THE VERY SHADOW OF THE DAM!

RIGHT! NOW MARCH HERE AND NOW YUH DON'T RAISE UP WITH A MILLION TONS OF WATER POURING DOWN ON YUH!

LATER, JIMMY SEES A COUPLE OF FAMILIAR FACES...

JUDGE KEEN! AND SHERIFF BANGS!

SO THEY CAUGHT YOU TOO, JIMMY! IT'S TERRIBLE, TERRIBLE! IF THE TOWNSFOLK DON'T DO EXACTLY WHAT THESE MEN ASK, THEY'LL BLOW UP THE DAM AND DROWN US ALL!



JIMMY WAKELY



SHORTLY, AS THE OUTLAWS CELEBRATE WITHIN THE POWERHOUSE...

RAISE YOUR HANDS, OUTLAWS!
I BORROWED THIS GADGET
FROM ONE OF YOUR GUARDS
WHEN I PAYED HIM A
SURPRISE VISIT!

WIKELY--
ALIVE!



AFTER THE HOSTAGES HAVE BEEN RELEASED,
AND THE GANG JAILED...

THUNDER BARN WAS AN
IDEAL LOCATION FOR AN
OUTLAW HAVEN, FOLKS!
OPERATING FROM THIS TOWN,
THEY COULD ATTACK AT THE
THREE ROBERT COUNTIES
IN THE STATE! THAT'S THE
REASON FOR THEIR
FLOURISH!

BUT THEY
DIDN'T
FIGURE ON
YOU, MR.
JIMMY!



I'M BLOWN THE DAM,
WAKELY! UNLESS YOU
WANT TO BE KISSIN'-
SIBLE FOR THE LIVES
OF THREE HOSTAGES,
HAND OVER THAT
GUN!

DON'T COUNT ON
IT! WHEN I
TAKED BEING
KIT, AND FELL
INTO THE WATER,
I DISCONNECTED
THOSE UNDERWATER
CHARGES! THAT
DETONATOR IS
AS HAZARDOUS
AS A PEASIE
WEED!



THE NEXT DAY...

WE JUST HAD TO TREAT
YUN ROUSH, JIMMY!
IT WAS THE ONLY
WAY TO PROTECT
THE PRISONERS!

I UNDERSTAND!
WELL... IT'LL BE
QUITE A SWELL BE-
FORE ANYONE
TROUBLES YOU AGAIN!
SO LONG, FISHBOW!



WIGGLE ME THIS by Necco

WHAT IS ROUND
ON BOTH ENDS AND
HIGH IN THE
MIDDLE?



GIVE UP?
SEE BELOW!

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IN SHAPE AND HIGH
IN PLEASURE?
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IN EVERY ROLL!



JIMMY WAKELY

A GAINST ONE NEWSPAPER OFFICE AFTER ANOTHER, THEY ROVE... THREE MEN WITH ROBBERY ON THE B. HANDS AND FLASHING GUNS IN THREE HANDS! AND WHAT WAS THE PRIZE THEY SOUGHT? MONEY? JEWELS? REVENGE? NONE OF THESE! THEY WERE AFTER A SINGLE FATAL LETTER! DRAWN INTO THIS BAFFLING PUZZLE, JIMMY WAKELY, HOLLYWOOD'S CONVOY CATALYST, PUTS ALL HIS BRAINS AND STRENGTH AGAINST...

The SIGN OF THE BLACK A!

AS JIMMY WAKELY NEARS COPPER CITY...

JEB WALTERS IS EDITOR OF THE COPPER CITY TIMES! (I'LL SURE BE GOOD TO SEE HIM AGAIN! LET'S RIDE, BONNY!)



LATER, IN JEB'S CLUTTERED NEWSPAPER OFFICE...

LAST TIME I SAW YOU, JEB, YOU'D JUST EXPOSED THE BLACKWELL GANG. ANY MORE EXCITING LIKE THAT LATELY?

NO, JIMMY, IT'S BEEN PRETTY QUIET... EXCEPT FOR...







JIMMY WAKELY



THREE NEWSPAPER OFFICES IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD HAVE BEEN ROBBED OF THEIR LETTER "A's!" NOBODY CAN FIGURE OUT WHY!

AWH... WHY SHOULD A PRINTING PRESS LETTER "A" BE MORE VALUABLE THAN MONEY?

CONTINUING ON HIS WAY, THE PUZZLED WESTERN STAR IS SOON IN ANOTHER TOWN WHERE...

WHOA, BOHNY!

SOUNDS LIKE ANOTHER NEWSPAPER ROBBERY.



OHON! LET'S GET GOIN'!

THE SAME OWLHOOTS WHO LOOTED JESSE'S OFFICE!

NOW I'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO FIND OUT WHAT THE MYSTERY'S ABOUT!

IT'S WAKELY! GET TO THE HORSEBOSS QUICK! I'LL STOP 'EM!



BUT THE WESTERN ACE ACTS TOO FAST WITH HIS LASSO AND GUN AND...

HEEDLESS OF HIS CAPTURED COMPANION'S PLAINS, THE GUNMAN LEAPS ONTO HIS HORSE...

LATER, IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE...

OWW! MY GUN!

HE'S GOT ME! BIG NICE -- HELP!

THE BATTLE! LEAVIN' ME!

HE'S THINKING OF HIS OWN GON! AND YOU'D BETTER DO THE SAME!

ALL I KNOW IS WHAT HIS MICE TOLD ME! HE WAS A HOSPITAL ATTENDANT IN PHOENIX TOWN WHEN AN OLD CRITTER, BEN LUTHER, WAS BROUGHT IN...





THE LETTER "A" / THE LETTER "A" / THE GOLD AND I MUST SEND LETTER TO WILL!



AFTER MORE QUESTIONING ...
CAN YOU MAKE ANY SENSE OUT OF IT, JIMMY?

NOT YET... BUT WE'VE LEARNED THE OLD MAN'S NAME WAS BEN LETHAM, AND HE CAME FROM LAGO, THERE HIS DAUGHTER STILL LIVES. SHERIFF, I'M GOING TO WAIT THAT YOUNG LADY!

SOON AFTERWARDS, AT THE HOME OF ANN LETHAM IN LAGO ...



SOME MEN ARE BORN WANDERERS, AND DADDY WAS TOO, I GUESS. EVEN YEARS AGO, WHEN HE AND WILL HUSBARD STARTED PROSPECTING FOR GOLD TOGETHER...

WELL, THE NAME BEN MENTIONED IN THE HOSPITAL!

"DADDY FINALLY DECIDED THEIR NAME WAS A LIE, AND DECIDED TO START MOVING AGAIN, SINCE WILL WAS TO STAY ON AND MAKE THE CLAIM ..."



SUPPOSE I STRIKE GOLD, BEN? NOW WILL I LET YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?

GOSH, WILL, I DUNNO! I NEVER KNOW WHERE I'M GONNA WANDER NEXT, AND I CAN'T READ OR WRITE! BUT I'LL BE BOUND TO HEAR ABOUT IT IF YOU MAKE A STRIKE, AND I'LL GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU! WAIT, I KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO!



I EVEN CARRY THIS CRACKED OLD LETTER "A" AROUND WITH ME FOR A GOOD LUCK PIECE, EVER SINCE I WORKED AS A DELIVERY BOY FOR A NEWSPAPER OFFICE! IF YOU STRIKE IT RICH, AND I CAN'T COME BACK MYSELF, I'LL SEND YOU THIS HERE LETTER! YOU GIVE MY SHARE TO THE ONE I SEND!

OKAY! THERE CAN'T BE A SECOND LETTER LIKE IT!



LAST YEAR, DADDY STARTED WANDERING AGAIN, DOING ODD JOBS IN NEWSPAPER OFFICES! A FEW WEEKS AGO, HE CALLED ME AND SAID HE WOULD HAVE A WONDERFUL SURPRISE FOR ME WHEN HE CAME HOME!

WILL HUSBARD JUST HAD OFFER GOLD AFTER ALL! AND YOUR DAD HEARD ABOUT IT! BUT HE—FORE HE COULD SEE WILL HE WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL AND PASSED ON! THAT'S WHEN BIG RICK HEARD ABOUT YOUR FATHER'S PLAN!



JIMMY WAKELY



SO THAT'S WHY BIG MIKE HAD BEEN LOOTING ALL THOSE NEWS-PAPER OFFICES! YOUR DAD DIDN'T HAVE THAT LETTER "A" ON HIM WHEN HE DIED AND BIG MIKE THOUGHT HE LEFT IT AT ONE OF THE OFFICES WHERE HE WORKED!



SUDDENLY...
THAT WAS RIGHT SMART FIGURIN', WAKELY! RIGHT SMART!

DOWN...

BIG MIKE!



YEP! THAT LETTER "A" AINT IN ANY NEWSPAPER OFFICE WHERE THE OLD MAN WORKED--SO I DECIDED TO WAIT HIS DAUGHTER AND SEE IF SHE KNEW WHERE IT WAS! YOU SEEM HERE TOO WILL HAND UP HIS JOB HEAT AS A PW!

HOW CAN I STICK, BIG MIKE!



DON'T WORRY, CONSON! ONLY I AINT TAKIN' ANY MORE CHANCES WITH YOU! TIE 'EM UP! WE'LL USE HIM FOR A SHIELD IF HE RUN INTO TROUBLE!

NO FALSE ROVER, WAKELY, IF YOU WANNA LIVE!



AS THE MENACING GUNMAN APPROACHED, THE ROAD STAR WHIPS INTO LIGHTNING-LIKE ACTION...

MY GUN HANDS ALL TANGLED UP!

SORRY! I'LL UNTANGLE YOU!



THERE--YOU'RE ALL STRAIGHTENED OUT NOW!

SOK!



PENNY BAWBICK!-- I'LL KILL YOU!

KICK!



BUT JIMMY
SHRUGS OFF
THE STAGGER-
ING BLOW AND...

WHAK!



LATER, AS THE OVERWHELMED GUNMEN ARE
LED AWAY BY THE SHERIFF...

I WONDER
IF WE'LL EVER FIND OUT WHAT BECAME OF
THAT LETTER "A"?

I WAS GOING TO TELL
YOU JUST AS THOSE
MEN BROKE IN!



DADDY MADE IT INTO A
LOCKET FOR ME
YEARS AGO!



I'LL CONTACT BILL HUBBARD
FOR YOU, KING ARN. AND
SEE THAT YOU GET YOUR
RIGHTFUL INHERITANCE!

THANKS, JIMMY!
I'LL NEVER
FORGET WHAT
YOU'VE DONE
FOR ME!



GLEAMS as it CLEANS — CLEANS as it GLEAMS!

MY HAIRS SO DULL
AND GRAY AND DRY
I CAN'T MAKE FRIENDS
ALTHOUGH I TRY

USE WILDRÖT LIQUID CREAM
SHAMPOO MAKES LONGS OF SIDS
IT'S SOAPLESS TOO!

HAS LANOLIN SETS HAIR CLEAN
CLEAN GLEAMS IT WITH A
SUNLIGHT SHEEN!

TO WIN
FRIENDS, HERE'S
ADVICE FOR YOU:
TRY WILDRÖT
LIQUID CREAM
SHAMPOO.





Jimmy Wakely

WHEN JIMMY WAKELY VOLUNTEERED TO ORGANIZE THE TOWNFOLK OF CEDAR BEND AGAINST A BROKEN BAND OF RAZZLING OWLHOOTS -- THE PEOPLE TOOK COURAGE. BUT THE MOMENT THE NEIGHRA APT SET FOOT OFF THE TRAIL, THE PEOPLE SANK IN AMAZEMENT AND SHOOK THEIR HEADS IN DOUBT. FOR THEY HAD NEVER SEEN THEIR COWBOY IDOL IN THE STARTLING ROLE OF...

**JIMMY WAKELY--
DUDE COWBOY!**



LOOKIT WAKELY!
HE CAN'T EVEN
FIRE A SHOOTIN'
IRON PROPER!

WE NEED A PACK
OF FOOLS AGAIN!
HIM TO HELP US!

THE HOTEL IN CEDAR BEND IS THE SCENE OF
FLYING LEAD AS...

THEY'RE STRUCK
AGAIN! GET YOUR
SHOOTIN' IRONS!



WITHIN MINUTES, AN ANGRY FORTH REACHED
THE LIVERY STABLE TO FIND...

LOOK! WE'VE GOT
OUR SADDLES FILLED
IN HIS WORK ROOM.
'STEAD OF ON
OUR HORSES!

B-BUT I
WAS JUST POLISHING
'EM UP SO'S YOU'D
LOOK RIGHT SMART
FOR JIMMY WAKELY'S
ARRIVAL TOMORROW!





JIMMY WAKELY



LATER, AFTER THE MEN HAVE UNTANGLED THEIR SADDLES AND GIVEN FRUITLESSLY CHASE...

SLIPPED CLEAN AS HOOT ONLY INTO THE HILLS! AN' IT'S TOO DARK TO FOLLOW THEIR TRACKS TONIGHT, SW, SHERIFF?

YEP! BUT TOMORROW THE ROUGHEST, TOUGHEST ON-HOOT SHAMMERE IN THE WEST WILL BE WITH US! JIMMY WAKELY WILL SHOW US HOW TO GET ORGANIZED AND BAG THOSE CRITTERS!



NEXT MORNING, EXCITED TOWNSFOLK GATHER AT THE TRAIN STATION TO WELCOME JIMMY WAKELY, AMERICA'S COWBOY STAR...

HERE HE COMES NOW... WELL, DUST MY BOOTS! WHAT'S THAT KID GOT WITH HIM?

LOOKS SORTA LIKE ONE OF THEM FANCY STOODERS YUH SEE IN THE MOVIES!



EIGHTY-NINE AGENTS YOU, SHERIFF SQUARED! ONCE THE FOUNT COMFORTABLE QUARTERS WE'LL GET RIGHT TO WORK ON THOSE BAD MEN!

SO, PINE, JIMMY! THEY'RE TOUGH SCARERS! EVEN HAD TO BUILD A BIGGER, STRONGER BANK TO SAFEGUARD OUR MONEY!



ASTONISHED CITIZENS CAN HARDLY BELIEVE THEIR EYES AS THE CRACK COWBOY AGE "BOOTS" AND HORNS...

TARNATION! WE'VE GOT OURSELVES A REAL LIVE HOLLYWOOD DUDE FOR OUR LEADER!

NEVER SEEN SUCH COWBOY KINE WITH A CRITTER! JUST CAN'T BELIEVE JIMMY WAKELY PUTTING ON AIRS LIKE THAT!



SHORTLY, AT THE HOTEL...

IT'D LIKE LUNCH SERVED TO ME IN YOUR VERY BEST ROOM! POACHED EGGS, BUFFING... JELLY, AND A POT OF TEA-- NOT TOO STRONG!

WELL, SINCE MY HONORS I HOPING SOMMA TAKE FIGHTIN' ORDERS FROM THAT FANCY PANTS!

RECKON NOT!



FOR THREE DAYS JIMMY'S ACTIONS DISCOURAGE TOWN PLANS TO COMBAT THE RANGERS-- THEN, ONE SHUTDOWN...

A DYNAMITE BLAST AT THE BANK-- THE ON-HOOTS HAVE STARTED HOOTING!





LATER, IN THE COWBOY STAR'S HOTEL ROOM...



UPON JIMMY'S REQUEST, SHERIFF BRANDER INVESTIGATES CROOK SEND'S OLD BANK...





JIMMY WAKELY



QUICKLY, THE ALERT CONBOY ACE FORMULATES A PLAN OF ACTION ...



BRIEFLY, JIMMY WEARS HIS WAY THROUGH THE UNDERGROUND PASSAGE ...

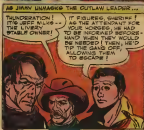


SHORTLY LATER ... IN THE LIVERY STABLE ...



BUT AS THE OUTLAW DRAW ON THE WESTERN STAR, HE SHOTS WITH THE SPEED OF THE WIND AND...





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